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REMARKS:BIN : Feedback from last week's briefings
on the Gulf

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SUBJECT: Persian Gulf Briefings (C)

1. We provided two briefings on Persian Gulf issues during the week of 19 November. House Foreign Operations Subcommittee Chairman David Obey (D./WI) was briefed on 20 November. The joint HPSCI/SSCI weekly brief was held on 21 November with Senator Hatch and HPSCI members Beilenson, Hyde, Richardson, Bereuter, Combest and Glickman attending. Congressman Obey was briefed by NIO/GPF and NIO/S&T. The HPSCI/SSCI session was a community brief with NIO/NESA and [redacted] of NESA as well as DIA and CIA/CIC officers. [redacted]

2. The Obey briefing focused on [redacted] capabilities as reflected in the SNIE. [redacted]

[redacted] Key issues raised by Mr. Obey included:

3. As the Committees requested, the HPSCI, SSCI session opened with an analysis [redacted] That briefing was followed by [redacted]

[redacted] key issues raised by the SSCI/HPSCI participants included:

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4. As was the case last week, the Members appeared to be attempting to acquire information rather than to articulate views already formed. This briefing came the day before the President said that Iraq may be able to develop nuclear capability much sooner than many believe. The briefing, combined with the SNIE



We anticipate much more questioning on this issue at the session next week.



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